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Newly Discovered Text Reveals Insights into Thomas Jefferson's Intellect

Thomas Jefferson's classification of the books in his own library, until recently believed to have been lost, is being published for the first time by the Library of Congress. A manuscript copy of Jefferson's list, made by Nicholas Trist, had been bound with a printed 1815 catalog of the Jefferson collection and was only recently recognized as the rare treasure that it is, by James Gilreath of the Library's Rare Book and Special Collections Division and Douglas L. Wilson of Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

Books from Jefferson's personal library now at the Library of Congress.

The manuscript they found restores to the world the intellectual order Jefferson imposed on his library, and throws light on the way one of the country's leading intellectuals organized knowledge—a system based on categories in the second book of Francis Bacon's *The Advancement of Learning*, Memory, Reason, and Imagination. Jefferson designated these: History, Philosophy, and the Fine Arts and added 44 "chapters" identifying specific subjects, arranged in chronological or analytical order. Under the chapter, architecture, Jefferson's sequence begins with books describing classical architecture and moves on to works by its interpreters in later times—

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Vetruvius and Palladio. By contrast when the books were acquired by the Library of Congress they were listed within chapters alphabetically obscuring Jefferson's scheme that sought to list books in an order reflecting their relationship to their subject and to each other.

Jefferson formed his encyclopedic library by haunting bookstores and by corresponding with booksellers throughout America and Europe for more than 30 years. He once described it as, "the choicest collection of books in the United States, and I hope it will not be without some general effect on the literature of our country."

Jefferson's association with the Library of Congress extends back to 1815 when he offered his library of 6,700 volumes to Congress to replace the books burned in the Capitol by British soldiers when they occupied Washington during the War of 1812. Jefferson promptly offered his collection to the lawmakers at whatever price and terms of payment they wished to offer. A Georgetown bookseller was dispatched to Charlottesville and appraised the books at $23,950. After a rancorous partisan debate, Congress approved the purchase.

Presently housed in the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, the Jefferson library serves as the foundation for the approximately 88 million items that comprise the diverse collections of the Library of Congress.

After Jefferson's books were unpacked in Washington on May 8, 1815, Congress authorized a catalog of the collection to be printed. Librarian of Congress George Watterston took Jefferson's manuscript catalog, which had been arranged according to how the former president classified knowledge, and rearranged the entries within chapters in alphabetical order. Jefferson thought the resulting catalog was handsomely printed but stated that he preferred his own classification scheme to Watterston's alphabetical order. When Watterston was dismissed from his post for political reasons, he took Jefferson's manuscript with him and it has never been recovered. Researchers had mourned its loss for what the lost pages might have revealed about Jefferson's innovative and fertile mind.

While doing research about Jefferson in the Library's collections, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Wilson chanced upon the manuscript in the handwriting of Nicholas Trist, the man who later became Jefferson's grandson-in-law and private secretary. The manuscript contained all of the books listed in the 1815 catalog that Watterston had printed but they were in a different order. Further research proved conclusively that the Trist document was a copy of Jefferson's lost manuscript catalog, commissioned by Jefferson in 1823 when he was helping to organize the library of the fledgling University of Virginia.

Thomas Jefferson's Library: A Catalog with the Entries in His Own Order is a hardbound 149-page book with five illustrations. It has an introduction by James Gilreath and Douglas L. Wilson that explains the history and significance of the newly published manuscript. There is a preface by Daniel P. Jordan, director of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, and facsimiles of pages from the 1815 printed catalog. The covers are spectacular photographic reproductions of marbled paper that Jefferson's binder used in many of the President's volumes.

The book is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. (Cite title and stock number 030-001-00130-0 when ordering.) The price is $19 including postage and handling.

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

American and Soviet Writers at the Library

American and Soviet writers will read at the Library of Congress on May 3. The program is sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund in the Library of Congress, in association with An Authors' Symposium sponsored by the Quaker US/USSR Committee, Inc. The following poets are expected to appear in the program: Stanley Kunitz, Sharon Olds, F. D. Reeve, Henry Taylor, C. K. Williams, Oleg Chukhontsev, Yuri Kuznetsov, Yunna Moritz, and Vladimir Sokolov.

All of the writers have contributed to the collection, *The Human Experience: Contemporary American and Soviet Fiction and Poetry*, to be published in New York and Moscow in May. The reading will be at 6 p.m. in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium. Tickets are not required.

Publication of *The Human Experience* is a joint American-Soviet cultural venture initiated by the Quaker US/USSR Committee, Inc., of Philadelphia. The book is published in Russian in the Soviet Union by Khudozhestvennaya Literatura, and

in English in the United States by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

Poets appearing in the anthology are Wendell Berry, Stanley Kunitz, Sharon Olds, F. D. Reeve, Adrienne Rich, Henry Taylor, Robert Penn Warren, C. K. Williams, Bela Akhmadulina, Oleg Chukhontsev, Yuri Kuznetsov, Yunna Moritz, Robert Rozhdestvensky, Vladimir Sokolov, Evgeny Vinokurov, Andrei Voznesensky, and Evgeny Yevtushenko.

Fiction writers appearing in the anthology are Donald Barthelme, Charles Baxter, Mary Ward Brown, Raymond Carver, Mary Gordon, Joyce Johnson, Bel Kaufman, Garrison Keillor, Joyce Carol Oates, John Sayles, John Updike, Alice Walker, Vasily Belov, Arnold Kashtanov, Anatoly Kim, Ruslan Kireyev, Alexander Kushner, Bulat Okudzhava, Valentin Rasputin, Georgy Semyonov, Anatoly Shavkuta, Tatiana Tolstaya, and Boris Yekimov.

Display Marks Anniversary of West Germany's Constitutional Law

A display has been mounted in the European Reading Room of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the proclamation of the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany—that nation's constitutional law.

The display consists of a brief background sketch including a description of the influence of American constitutional law, and relevant titles from the general collections of the Library of Congress.

The Basic Law, similar to the American Constitution, provides for a Federal system whose internal dynamics are regulated by a separation of powers among three coequal branches of government. It similarly guarantees basic rights, including freedom of religion and freedom of assembly.

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Touch-Screen Information Monitor Proves Popular

Library visitor consults the EASEL touch-screen. Behind the counter are Dean Wilder and Karen Howell of ASO.

An automated touch-screen information monitor installed in the lobby of the Library of Congress Madison Building in the fall has proven so popular that it may become permanent and other similar units may be placed in the Jefferson and Adams buildings.

The EASEL monitor lists reading room locations, offices, exhibits, food services, and recent publications, as well as a current calendar of events. Visitors easily find information by following the directions printed on the screen.

The Information Office with the support of the Automated Systems Office maintains the EASEL touch-screen monitor. Jeanne Smith, public affairs specialist in the Information Office, regularly inputs scheduled events and locator data into the program designed by the Automated Systems Office (ASO). ASO specialists who developed the system were Dean Wilder, Karen Howell, Susan Thomas, Lela Beth Criswell, and Cora Lynch, along with Maryle Ashley, head, Bibliographic Systems Section.

Madison Building Environment Is Subject of Study

A comprehensive assessment of the quality of the workplace environment in the James Madison Memorial Building of the Library of Congress began during the week of February 6. "The Madison Building Study: An Evaluation of the Environment for a Better Workplace," as the project is called, is designed to provide an objective basis for the evaluation of working conditions in the Library's Madison Building.

During the week of February 27, testing was done to evaluate a variety of environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity, ventilation, and airborne concentrations of chemicals and biological matter. Participating with the Library of Congress in this assessment was a group of other Federal agencies and private organizations, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Institute for

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The display at the Library also includes pictures of the most important figures involved in the development of the Basic Law, such as John J. McCloy, American High Commissioner to Germany, the first to advocate the establishment of a democratic, self-governing state encompassing the Western allied zones of Germany after the Second World War; Konrad Adenauer, the first chancellor of the newly formed Federal Republic; and Theodor Heuss, its first president.

The display was assembled by the Library's European Division and the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C.

Vernon A. Walters, newly appointed U.S. ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, was one of the first visitors to the display, accompanied by Commander Lee Martiny of his staff. Ambassador Walters, a noted bibliophile, also viewed rare items of the Library's special collections in the Law Library and the Geography and Map Division.

—Margrit B. Krewson

Library Publishes Guide To North Korean Legal Materials

Law and Legal Literature of North Korea: A Guide has just been published by the Library of Congress. The guide is a selected, annotated bibliography of more than one thousand entries, arranged under broad topical sections, each of which is prefaced by an explanatory essay. Long kept veiled in secrecy by an authoritarian regime, North Korea has only recently begun to open up to the outside world and to engage in talks with the government of South Korea. Thus, the publication of this reference work, compiled by Sung Yoon Cho, assistant chief of the Far Eastern Law Division of the Law Library, is especially timely.

The *Guide's* source materials include monographs, serials, and newspapers written in Korean, Japanese, or English and published in North Korea, South Korea, Japan, the United States, and elsewhere, chiefly between 1945 and 1983. A few major items that appeared between 1984 and 1987 have also been included.

The arrangement of entries under each topical section is by North Korean, South Korean, Japanese, and English. The references under each of these headings are listed consecutively in alphabetical order by author. A name index, which covers compilers, editors, translators, and book reviewers, as well as authors, follows the main body of the text.

The majority of the material focuses directly on aspects of North Korean law. Among the topics covered are legal theory, the administration of justice, constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, civil law, family law, labor law, land law, international law, and collections of law, as well as the Korean Workers' Party and the legal aspects of relations between South and North Korea. In addition, items on certain closely related topics, such as those dealing with the political system, the economy, land reform and agriculture, and international relations, widen the scope of treatment. The introductory essays before each topical section provide a valuable overview of the particular topic and discuss the works of major significance in the field. The 256-page work, the first of its kind, should therefore serve as a useful tool not only for legal scholars and practicing attorneys but also for researchers interested in all aspects of contemporary North Korea. It can be purchased for $18 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 20402 (cite Stock Number 030-001-00127-0 when ordering).

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Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Architect of the Capitol, the John B. Pierce Foundation of Yale University, the Department of Energy (DOE), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The goal of this investigation is to survey health and comfort concerns among employees in the building and attempt to determine associations between those concerns and the environment within the Madison Building. The methodology and results from the Madison Building Study are expected to provide important new research information useful for evaluation of other office buildings.

The Library of Congress observes
TWO HUNDRED YEARS
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Congress Bicentennial Programs

Exhibition

The Tides of Party Politics: Two Centuries of Congressional Elections, 1789–1989.

A display of one hundred maps of congressional elections.

Madison Foyer, to July 30.

Publication

Respectfully Quoted: A Dictionary of Quotations Requested from the Congressional Research Service. (520 pp.)

Available by mail for $29 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402 (cite stock no. 030-001-0016-4).

STAFF NEWS

David Lombardo Marks 25 Years of Service

David Lombardo (right) is congratulated by Dr. Billington.

David D. Lombardo, chief of the Recruitment and Placement Office, received a 25-year Federal Service Award pin from Librarian of Congress James H. Billington on December 21, 1988.

Dr. Lombardo's office is responsible for administering the Library's independent merit system and providing staffing services to the departments and offices of the Library.

He began his career at the Library of Congress in 1965 as a reference librarian in the Serial Division, after serving two years in the U.S. Army Adjutant General's Corps where he worked in the Personnel Office. In 1966, he was promoted to administrative officer in the General Reference and Bibliography Division. He was selected for a management internship in personnel with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in 1967.

Dr. Lombardo held various personnel and industrial relations positions at the New York Operations Office of the AEC until 1971, when he was appointed the first chief of employee relations at the Social Security Administration's Northeastern Program Center in New York City. In that capacity, he established the center's labor and employee relations programs. Two years later he was promoted to chief of personnel, where he continued to be active in labor relations and established a newly delegated classification program. In 1977, he returned to the Library as chief of the Recruitment and Placement Office.

Dr. Lombardo earned a Ph.D. in public administration from New York University and has taught graduate courses in personnel at area universities for the past ten years. He is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Graduate School where he teaches courses in management and human resources. He is also an associate of the university's Center for the Study of Future Management, that researches new management approaches in organizations.

Dr. Lombardo belongs to several management and personnel professional associations and serves on the editorial review board of *Personnel Administrator,* a monthly journal.

Information Forums In May

The Library of Congress Professional Association welcomes all interested persons to participate in the following Information Forums in May. These informal brown bag lunches meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:10 to 12:40 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

May 2—Performing Arts Forum: "The Music in the Word: Bach-Style," Geoffrey Simon, senior performing arts examiner, Copyright Office. Room LM 642.

May 4—Publications Forum: "Publishing in Foreign Languages," a panel discussion. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m.

May 16—Ethnic Resources Forum: "The Komi People: Eastern Cousins of the Finns," Kenneth Nyirady, research analyst, Federal Research Division. Room LM 642.

May 18—Special Studies Forum: "Washingtoniana II: What Is It?" (architectural drawings), Leslie Freudenheim, coordinator of the Washingtoniana II Project, Prints and Photographs Division. Room LM 139.

May 23—Middle Eastern Studies Forum: "Hebraic Collections at the Library of Congress," Michael Grunberger, head, Hebraic Section. Dining Room A, 11:30 a.m.

May 25—Management Forum: "Management and Information Technology: New Dynamics," Rhoda Canter, Associate Librarian for Management Services. West Dining Room.

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Robert Zich Awarded 25-Year Service Pin

Dr. Billington (left) presents a 25-year Federal Service Award to Robert Zich.

Robert G. Zich, director of the Library's Office of Planning and Development, received his 25-year Federal Service Award pin from Librarian of Congress James H. Billington on December 21, 1988.

Shortly after the appointment of James H. Billington as Librarian, Mr. Zich helped lay plans for the Management and Planning Committee. Later, as a committee member, he chaired the Subcommittee on Services. Currently, he directs the planning effort for future Library of Congress use of optical disk technology; in particular, for the American Memory project.

Prior to Mr. Zich's recent work with the Management and Planning Committee, he was a member of the Committee on Automation Planning, the Committee on the Future of the Library, and the Optical Disk Advisory Committee. He has chaired the Machine-Readable Collection Committee, the Reference Roundtable, and the Special Materials and Cataloging Group.

Mr. Zich joined the Library of Congress staff in 1965 as a participant in the Library's intern program. Following his internship, he was appointed reference librarian in the Public Reference Section. After serving briefly as administrative officer in the Processing Department, he returned to the Public Reference Section. From 1965 to 1972, he was senior reference librarian and reference and technical projects specialist. He supervised the reference staff in the Main Reading Room and served as recommending officer in philosophy.

From 1972 to 1976, Mr. Zich was assistant head of the Public Reference Section and managed the reference operation in the Library's general reading rooms, the Local History and Genealogy Room, and the telephone reference service.

Mr. Zich worked with the Task Force on Goals, Organization, and Planning in 1976. His other planning projects have included preservation, serials claiming, microfilm processing, SCORPIO and MUMS, problems of books "not-on-shelf," and Library of Congress space needs.

The Office of Planning and Development was established in 1977 to implement task force recommendations for reorganizing the Library. Mr. Zich joined the staff as planning assistant and served as the acting director from October 1983 to March 1984, when he was appointed director.

Mr. Zich received a B.A. in English literature and history from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and won a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study in philosophy. He earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Minnesota.

In 1970, Mr. Zich was elected the first president of the Library of Congress Professional Association.

Mr. Zich received a Superior Achievement Award in 1985 for the organization of a congressionally mandated survey of all non-CRS Library of Congress services, and was presented a Superior Service Award in 1987 for work done with the Optical Disk Pilot Program.

Mr. Zich lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Joanne, and their two sons.

Stanley Sloan Promoted To Senior Specialist

Stanley R. Sloan, Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division, Congressional Research Service (CRS), was promoted to senior specialist in international security policy in the Office of the Associate Director for Research Coordination, as of January 30.

Mr. Sloan joined the staff of CRS in 1975 as an analyst in European affairs and was later promoted to a specialist position. Since coming to CRS he has produced an extensive

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body of high quality research and writing and has played an important role in the development of the division's work on Europe, coordinating the division's response to the Iran hostage crisis, and serving as the first leader of the Europe/Middle East/Africa Section.

Mr. Sloan is internationally recognized as an expert on international security issues, and is the author of three books and numerous articles in addition to his publications for the Congress. His book *NATO's Future* has become a text for both graduate and undergraduate students of the Western Alliance. He has lectured to prestigious groups in the United States and Western Europe, including the Dutch Parliament, the Royal Institute for International Affairs, and the Oxford English-Speaking Union. During 1987–88, Mr. Sloan served as Study Director and Rapporteur for the North Atlantic Assembly's Presidential Committee on NATO in the 1990s and is editor of the book *NATO in the 1990s* that resulted from the committee's work.

Prior to joining CRS, Mr. Sloan was a consultant for the International Economic Policy Association and served in the Central Intelligence Agency, most notably as the deputy national intelligence officer for western Europe. He was also a member of the U.S. delegation to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction Negotiations in Vienna, Austria, in 1973. Earlier, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a combat intelligence officer.

Mr. Sloan received his bachelor's degree in political science and international relations from the University of Maine, and his master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University. He has done additional graduate work at American University.

Hylda Kamisar Retires

Hylda Kamisar, who headed the Reference Section of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS/BPH) for nearly 20 years, retired last year. Frank Kurt Cylke, director, NLS/BPH, cited Ms. Kamisar's professionalism, enthusiasm, and accuracy in serving the professional community and the public during her Federal career.

Ms. Kamisar came to the Library of Congress in 1967 as assistant to the reference librarian. She was charged with building a basic reference collection of materials on blindness and handicapping conditions. Over the years, Ms. Kamisar developed a collection of some 4,000 books; 400 periodicals; and numerous information files, archives, and statistical records. She guided the growth of the department from three staff members to ten.

In 1980, Ms. Kamisar received the Isadore Gilbert Mudge Citation of the Reference and Adult Division of the American Library Association. The award was given for her distinguished contribution to reference librarianship in developing the NLS/BPH reference collection. She also received a Meritorious Service Award from the Librarian of Congress.

Helen Lord Clagett Dies

Helen Lord Clagett, 84, retired former chief of the Library of Congress Hispanic Law Division, died January 4 at Greenbrier Nursing Home in Miami, Fla., after a long illness.

Mrs. Clagett began her career at the Library as a Spanish-English secretary to John T. Vance, the Law Librarian from 1924–1943. She served 38 years in the Law Library before retiring in 1971, and was the recipient of the Library's Distinguished Service Award for her work in the field of Hispanic law.

Mrs. Clagett was the author of 11 books in the *Guide to the Law and Legal Literature* series of the Latin American Republics, published by the Law Library through the Government Printing Office. For her work in producing the *Guide* for Mexico she was awarded the Aztec Eagle by Mexico in 1947. Likewise for the *Guides* to Peru and Chile, she was awarded the Inca Sun in 1948 and the Orden al Merito in 1949, respectively. She coauthored the *Revised Guide to the Law and Legal Literature of Mexico* with David M. Valderrama in 1973.

Mrs. Clagett was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and received her A.B. from the University of Puerto Rico and her J.D. from George Washington University. She was admitted to practice in California in 1943 and to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1947.

After her retirement, Mrs. Clagett lived in Christiansted on the island of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and served as librarian at St. George Botanical Gardens, where she was a lifetime member.

Her survivors include a sister, a brother, a niece, a nephew, and several great nieces and nephews.

Staff Activities

Ronald J. Cima, research analyst, Federal Research Division, is the author of an article titled, "Vietnam in 1988: The Brink of Renewal," published in the January 1989 issue of *Asian Survey.* Mr. Cima also presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, held in Washington, D.C., March 16-19. The title of his paper was "Vietnam's Economic Reform: Approaching the 1990s."

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, April 25
☐ "News before News: Short Wave Radio Listening," Judith Dixon, George Toth, and Peter Vankevich. LC Professional Association (LCPA). Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, April 27
☐ "Performance Evaluation at the Library of Congress," Ralph Adams, personnel operations officer. LCPA. West Dining Room, 12:10 p.m.

Friday, April 28
☐ Concert in Memory of Hans Kindler. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 4
☐ "The Bibliothèque Nationale: A Conversation with Its Director, Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie," Center for the Book and LCPA. Introduced by Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Mumford Room, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5
☐ Emerson String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 11
☐ Tenth Anniversary Membership Coffee reception, Daniel A.P. Murray Afro-American Culture Association. Dining Room A, 9–10 a.m. **Members only.**

Friday, May 12
☐ Orlando String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

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